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Dr. J. Lederberg
Department of Bacteriology
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

The College of Letters and Science of the University of California at Los Angeles is interested in securing the services of a Professor in the Department of Bacteriology. We would like to obtain an individual who is well established in some area of microbiology and who would be interested in serving as Chairman of the Department. We would anticipate that the candidate who is selected would have the capacity and leadership to develop the Department into one of the top academic departments in the country. The staff at present consists of Dr. Anthony Salle, Professor; Dr. Meridian Ball, Associate Professor; Dr. Gregory Jann, Associate Professor; and Dr. M. J. Pickett, Associate Professor. There are two additional staff vacancies to be filled for the coming year and probably two or three more positions for the following year.

The Department has moved within the last two years into quarters in the new Life Sciences Building comprising about 16,000 square feet of net useful space. The present space will be augmented by additions to the Vivarium and the Life Sciences Building in the near future, which will add additional footage of 5,000 or 6,000 square feet. The Department has purchased large quantities of new equipment and is reasonably well supplied in this respect.


The work of the Department has developed well in both the undergraduate and graduate fields. It maintains excellent relationships with other microbiologists on the campus and with the Department of Infectious Diseases in the adjacent Medical Center.

We believe that the Department should develop along non-medical lines so that its activities would augment total campus facilities. The administration is prepared to support the development of a top flight Department in every way possible.

The salary would be commensurate with the qualifications of the candidate and is not fixed at the present time. I might indicate, however, that the normal salary range at the professorial level is from \$9,612 to \$12,000 on a nine-month basis.

Your name has been suggested as a person who should be considered for this position. If you have any interest in the position described would you please forward to me, at your earliest convenience, a curriculum vitae.

Sincerely yours,


Roy M. Dorcus, Dean
Division of Life Sciences